Title: Demand to place Report of the Committee on revival of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IPDL).

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): Thank you for allowing me to raise an important issue. Through you I want to draw the attention of the House and the Government to a matter of urgent public importance.

You know the IDPL, a giant public sector undertaking in the pharmaceutical industry. This undertaking has a great tradition of producing important life-saving and essential drugs to save the lives of crores of the poor people in our country. But this firm was referred to the BIFR in the year 1992 due to sickness. Several Committees suggested many revival packages. The United Front Government had accepted one proposal of a Cabinet Sub-Committee and there was also another one-Member Committee of Dr. L.K. Behl to revive it. Again, they also suggested the revival and we understand that the Ministry had recommended a two-Member Committee. We do not know what happened to that Committee Report which was to due to have been placed in the Cabinet by March this year. We do not know the position.

We demand that this Committee Report should be placed before the House without further delay and this unit should be revived immediately.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Pravin Rashtrapal.